## SENATE BILL 2058 By McNally

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 41, Chapter 4, Part 1, relative to reimbursement for certain services and care provided to certain inmates.

## BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 41-4-115, is amended by adding the following as new subsections:

- (d) Any county or municipality may, by resolution or ordinance adopted by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of its legislative body, establish and implement a plan authorizing the jail or workhouse administrator of such county or municipality to charge an inmate in such jail or workhouse a co-pay amount for any medical care, treatment or pharmacy services provided to such inmate by the county or municipality. The county or municipality adopting the co-pay plan shall establish the amount the inmate is required to pay for each service provided. Nothing in this subsection shall be construed as authorizing a county or municipality to deny medical care, treatment or pharmacy services to an inmate who cannot pay the co-pay amount established by the plan.
- (e) If an inmate cannot pay the co-pay amount established by a plan adopted pursuant to subsection (d) of this section, such plan may authorize the jail or workhouse administrator to deduct the co-pay amount from such inmate's commissary account or any other account or fund established by or for the benefit of such inmate while incarcerated.

(f) Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, a plan established pursuant to subsection (d) of this section may also authorize the jail or workhouse administrator to seek reimbursement for the expenses incurred in providing medical care, treatment, hospitalization or pharmacy services to an inmate incarcerated in such jail or workhouse from an insurance company, health care corporation, TennCare or other source, if the inmate is covered by an insurance policy, TennCare or subscribes to a health care corporation or other source for those expenses.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it and shall apply to all medical care, treatment or pharmacy services provided to an inmate after adoption of a plan authorized by this act.

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